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Applicant: Dong, et al.

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Analysis of Genomic Data

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the October 2, 2002 Restriction Requirement, the Examiner is requiring a restriction election between the following groups of claims:

- I. Claim 38, drawn to methods of analyzing a plurality of nucleic acid samples, classified in class 435, subclass 6.
- II. Claims 39-59, 64-84, 89-107, 112-133, and 138-159, drawn to a method of analyzing a first nucleic acid sample, classified in class 435, subclass 6.
- III. Claims 60-63, 85-88, 108-111, 134-137, and 160-173, drawn to a method of screening DNA sequence variation, classified in class 435, subclass 91.2.

Applicants hereby elect the claims in Group II (claims 39-59, 64-84, 89-107, 112-133, and 138-159), without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to re-present non-elected claims in a divisional or other related application.

Species Requirement

Applicants further elect Species Requirement Group II without traverse. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 01-0431.

Respectfully submitted,



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